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C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 1098

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, OAU, XA

SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, KHARTOUM:  
RWANDAN POSITIONS

REF: (A) STATE 150348; (B) STATE 155074; (C) STAGE 163024

1. REFTTEL C, ASKING THAT WE MAKE DEMARCHE ON ISSUES OF ZIONISM/RACISM LINKAGE AND MIDDLE EAST, ARRIVED ON OUR DESKS ONLY JULY 7, TOO LATE TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE WHO DEPARTED SAME DAY FOR KHARTOUM. WE WILL NEVERTHELESS MAKE PITCH ASAP TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SEC GEN, BUT FEAR THAT ANY OPPORTUNITY WHICH MAY HAVE EXISTED TO INFLUENCE GOR POSITION HAS BEEN LOST.

2. UNLIKELY IN ANY EVENT THAT GOR WILL GREATLY ALTSR PREVIOUS STANCE ON THESE ARAB/ISRAELI ISSUES, A STANCE WHICH UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS TAKEN MAINLY TO PLEASE LIBYANS TO WHOM IT LOOKS FOR CONSIDERABLE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE. WHILE MANIFESTLY PRO-ARAB, THIS STANCE HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN RELATIVELY MODERATE: GOR GOES ALONG WITH NOTION THAT ZIONISM EQUALS RACISM, WHILE NOT MAKING BIG FUSS  
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ABOUT IT; AND IT BELIEVES THAT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT DIPENDS UPON ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CONCEDING NATIONAL HOMELAND RIGHTS TO PALESTINIANS. BY EXTENSION, WE EXPECT THAT GOR WILL TEND TO VOTE WITH MORE RADICAL GROUP AT KHARTOUM IN REAFFIRMING Z-R, IF ISSUE IS PRESSED TO A VOTE. LIKEWISE, WE CANNOT HOPE VERY MUCH THAT RWANDA WILL PLAY A

MODERATING ROLE AT KHARTOUM IF IT COMES TO DRAFTING AN  
OAU STATEMENT ON MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS.

3. REFTTEL A, ASKING SOME POSTS TO APPROACH HOST GOVERN-  
MENTS ON AFRICAN SECURITY ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE AT  
KHARTOUM, NOT RECEIVED IN KIGALI. HOWEVER, AS REGULARLY  
REPORTED BY THIS POST IN RECENT WEEKS, GOR TAKES

VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF SECURITY THREAT POSED BY SOVIET/  
CUBAN INROADS IN CENTRAL AFRICA, COUNTERBALANCED BY  
EQUAL CONCERN THAT WESTERN OR "MODERATE" RESPONSE  
THREATENS TO DIVIDE AFRICA INTO TWO HOSTILE CAMPS.  
REGARDING PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS, AS STATED IN KIGALI 1050  
AND KIGALI 879 (NOTAL, GOR BELIEVES THAT ONLY APPRO-  
PRIATE PAN-AFRICAN PEACE FORCE WOULD BE ONE ESTABLISHED  
UNDER AEGIS OF OAU AND AIMED PRIMARILY AT COMBATTING  
COMMON ENEMIES OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID. WE WOULD  
DEFINITELY EXPECT RWANDAN DEL TO ENGAGE ACTIVELY IN  
KHARTOUM DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE, STRESSING POINT OF  
VIEW THAT EACH AFRICAN COUNTRY SHOULD DECIDE FOR ITSELF  
WHAT MEANS ARE APPROPRIATE TO USE FOR ITS OWN SELF-  
DEFENSE AND WHICH FRIENDS IT MAY CALL UPON FOR ASSISTANCE  
IN DEFENSE MATTERS. WORTH NOTING THAT RWANDANS, CONCERNED  
AT SOVIET/CUBAN THREAT TO THEIR OWN SECURITY, HAVE SOUGHT  
MILITARY AID FROM WESTERN EUROPEANS, U.S., PRC, AND  
PERHAPS EVEN LIBYANS.  
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